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'ROUNDABOUT THE STATE.

Cleaned from Exchanges--Made by the Shears, the Pencil and the Paste Pot--Some Original, Some Credited, and Some Stolen, but Nearly All Interesting Reading.

The weeds and hedges around Grant City are badly in need of a hair cut.

A Fairfield man is the owner of a pair of shoes said to have been made in 1812.

Ray county hopes to have its new court house near completion to celebrate the event July 4.

Champ Clark is the big attraction for the Gallatin chautauqua this year. He will speak there on August 20.

Of the 350 cases on the docket of the Jasper county circuit court, which convened Monday, seventy-nine are for divorce.

A Cass county farmer owns a dog that in one day recently killed fourteen skunks. Now there is a dog with some sense.

Half a million dollars for good roads in Atchison county is the bond issue citizens of Rock Port probably will vote on soon.

Working in his garden, a Fair Fax man dug up what appeared to be an animated shoestring. It proved to be a leech of unusual size.

Historic "Hog Alley" at Jefferson City is to become a regular thoroughfare. It will be paved and the name changed to Commercial Avenue.

Burlington officials were in Tarkio last week and decided upon the site and grounds for the new depot. The structure will be 24 by 88 feet.

What old timers about Marcelline say was the first white squirrel they ever saw was killed near there recently by a Chariton county farmer.

If Clay county issues one-half million dollars of bonds for permanent roads, it will be in order to change the county's name from Clay to Macadam.—Ex.

The finding of some almost pure lead in Ripley county has prompted prospectors to get busy and land owners are sitting tight awaiting results.—St. Joe Observer.

A prey to the high water following the recent heavy rains was the covered bridge across the Sni, near Wellington. The bridge was built in 1869 at a cost of \$60,000.

Neosho "blue laws" have been declared operative, and barber shops, bath houses and shoe shining parlors, along with all other places of business, will be closed on Sunday's.

Gallatin merchants take such pride in the Sunday appearance of their city that just before closing each Saturday night they see to it that the walks in front of their stores are swept clean.

A young man plowing near Avola did not appreciate the preference when a swarm of bees chose him as a place to alight. The youth's father ran to the rescue and was stung many times.

With a change in current, the Missouri river at Dover cut away more than one hundred acres of rich bottom land and now runs within a few hundred feet from the base of the bluffs, where it did in the old river shipping days.

Milk was \$16 a gallon in Moberry the other day. Two negroes stole four quarts of milk and were fined \$8 each.

The Tarkio chautauqua will be held August 3 to 9 this year and the Rock Port lecture congress will be held August 18 to 26.

Mrs. Florence Ludwig, 73 years old, hanged herself recently with the same rope that her employer, Adolph Rotsch, hanged himself a few weeks before at Carthage.

Butler is so hilly in spots that a year old baby falling down while playing in the yard, rolled down a hill into a fire where his mother was heating the wash water, and was badly burned.

Now that Macon has succeeded in landing a motor car factory and has a new grain elevator under way, the Chronicle declares a Chariton river navigation company is next in line for promotion.

Maitland will celebrate the Fourth on Saturday, July 3. In connection with the celebration they will have a high school track meet and several of the boys from there are talking of taking part.

At meetings of the Savannah business men held Friday evening of last week and Tuesday evening of this week, it was definitely decided that Savannah would celebrate the Fourth of July this year.

Being a good bill collector is to be envied in commercial circles, but there is such a thing as overdoing the art. A Dent county landlord took three shots at a delinquent tenant and is now bound over to circuit court for trial.

"Five years old, goin' on six," is the age confession of the Maryville Democrat-Forum, which in the third issue of its sixth year admits that it feels it right to be considered in the class with short pants and copper toed boots.

For thirty-seven years Mrs. Malinda Schofield of Bolivar has taught history and civil government in the Bolivar public schools. During thirty years of that time she has, in addition to her scholastic duties, managed a farm.

Supplementing his story with the statement that he is a total abstainer, a Polo rural mail carrier solemnly affirms that on his mail route this season he has killed thirty-two snakes. The largest was a blacksnake, seven feet and four inches in length.

"Like manna from heaven" comes the huckleberry crop to McDonald county youngsters. Pineville, says The Democrat, ships out from two hundred to three hundred crates a year, the price usually being \$3 a crate, most of which usually goes to the children who pick berries.

Jim Emison of Wellington has learned by experience that under the cushion of his motor car is no good place to keep matches. Only the prompt action of bystanders, who saw smoke rising from the cushions which Mr. Emison had left few minutes before, saved his roadster from destruction by fire.

Higbee has sent to the Panama Exposition, for exhibit on part of the state of Missouri, a solid block of coal which weighs 4,350 pounds. It is six and one half feet long, five feet wide and about three feet thick.

If there is any such thing as the "cherry fever" the Register is convinced that Webb City has caught it. Trees there are producing as much as \$15 each this season and the nursery men are smiling over the prospects.

Cooper Gooden of Maryville, who has been a Nodaway county resident for over fifty years, celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday Wednesday. He is a miller by trade and came to Lanning's Mills on the Platte in 1866.

With a rise in zinc prices Nevada takes hope that the Cookerill smelters there may resume operations. The plant was sold at junk prices about six months ago, and the work of dismantling had been begun.

Being a telephone girl at the switchboard of the Joplin police department is not the sinecure it used to be. Blue laws have been enacted and an order issued prohibiting the girls from eating, flirting or chewing gum while on duty.

W. O. P. Keever, who lives west of Parnell, was eighty years old on June 2, 1915, and he was the first white child born in Louisa county, Iowa, he having been born on June 2, 1835. He came to Missouri about forty years ago and located near where he now lives. He has seen many changes since he came here.

A Webster county man has been farming for twenty-five years forty acres of government land, thinking it was his own. Recently an examination of the title disclosed that a patent never had been issued to the original homesteader of this tract and the farmer hurried to Springfield to make cash entry.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore, age eighty eight and eighty five respectively, of Green county, last week celebrated the sixty-sixth anniversary of their wedding. They began married life on the farm where they still live. They have ten children, fifty grandchildren and forty-eight great grandchildren.

There are five wooden bridges yet in Monroe county, all erected about the year 1848, and they are said to be in the best condition, though they have been in use more than sixty five years. They are covered bridges, constructed of the best white oak lumber, and there is not a piece of steel in any one of them.

Sam Mitchell of Prathersville is the possessor of a pocket knife that has been in his family for more than a hundred years, says the Excelsior Springs Call. The knife was carried for fifty years by Mr. Mitchell's grandfather. He gave it to one of his sons, who, after owning it thirty-five years, gave it to Mr. Mitchell some twenty years ago.

Despite the fact that Hopkins is considered a healthy town, the Hopkins Journal this week declared that the population of the cemetery there is about 500 more than the city of Hopkins has. Saxton Applegate estimates that about 1,500 are buried there compared to the nearly 1000 that live in Hopkins. Fifty were soldiers in the civil war.

A bank at Alton recently distributed 8,100 packages of seed in Oregon county to farmers who had suffered from the drouth. Each package contained one peck of sown.

It is all right to joke a man under ordinary conditions, but an exchange advises that unless you are looking for trouble, don't attempt to kid a fellow while he is working on a motor car that refuses to run.

There was some excitement on Straddle Creek in the Fairview neighborhood, Bates county, when in an old water well a good grade of oil was discovered fifteen feet from the surface of the ground. Before a real oil boom could be got under way, however, it was learned that a high wind had upset a fifty gallon tank of oil and that its contents had drained into the well.

The next time a certain Dunklin street man at Jefferson City feels like shaking a mischievous small boy, he will probably look about him a few times to anticipate the attacks of reinforcements. In an instance cited, the mother of the small boy advanced from the rear with a piece of gas pipe with which, according to the Capital News, she put the reformer hors de combat.

A new feature of the free Saturday picture shows in Pleasant Hill is views of farmers' homes. Over 500 lantern slide pictures are being taken of the country homes in the trade territory and a few will be taken each week. No one knows what pictures will be shown on a given date, so the farmer will have to bring his family to town every Saturday to make certain of seeing his home on the screen.

A pop bottle has little chance to achieve fame. An exception is one recently picked up on the shores of Panama. This particular bottle carried in its water tight viscous the name and address of a Missouri girl who while on a picnic in 1912 launched the bottle on the surging waters of Flat Creek in McDowell county. The finder is a United States soldier on duty in the canal zone, he states in a letter to the young woman.

A nizzle of mystery was found at Maryville the other day. Byron Nunnally received in change what appeared to be an ordinary 5 cent nizzle. A little later he let the coin fall to the floor and was surprised, when he stooped to regain it, to find that it was in two pieces. A sort of locket had been fashioned of the coin and on the inside of each piece was pasted the photograph of a child. There were no initials or symbols to indicate former ownership of the composite coin.

For a series of hard genuine luck incidents it would be difficult to surpass those of a young woman resident of Deepwater. Having gone to the cistern to pump a pail of water, the platform broke, letting her fall into the water, which was more than ten feet deep. When she came to the surface, she grasp the pump chain. The chain broke. She next caught hold of the cistern pipe and it gave away. The woman's father then came to the rescue and lowered a rope. The rope broke and she went under again. Finally a ladder was obtained and the bedraggled maiden climbed to safety.

The investors and homeseekers are already inspecting Southeast Missouri, and all of them seem to be pleased with our people, soil and climate conditions.

City marshal Hays Langdon of Gideon, who killed Geo. McDowell Friday May 18, by shooting him to death, was given a preliminary before a justice of the peace at Gideon Tuesday and was bound over to the New Madrid county circuit court, his bond being placed at \$2000. The bond was filed and Langdon was allowed to go until court sets.

Emil Pruett, who lives on the Klostermans farm, one mile north of Allenville, lost his entire crop of one hundred and ten acres of wheat, Wednesday of last week by a hailstorm which was said to be the severest that ever passed over that section of the country. In connection with his wheat crop he had a field of corn of a hundred and sixty acres which was entirely ruined.—Stoddard County Tribune.

Living up to tradition an itinerant sign painter drifted into Sedalia the other day, got drunk at the nearest saloon and soon was in the clutches of the law. When haled into court for a hearing the judge gave him twenty minutes to get out of town. "Sedalia not being an overly large town, he made it with a few minutes to spare," says the Nevada Post.

A frightened hen squawking in the night led to the capture of two chicken thieves in Carroll county recently. The squawks were heard by a member of the Anti-Horse Thief Association who saw the two men running from the hen roost and gave the alarm by telephone. The men were caught at Bosworth and, pleading guilty, were sentenced to two years in prison.

Eleven nations are now involved in the old world conflict. The population of these countries and their dependencies is approximately one billion. Should Bulgaria, Roumania and Greece enter the struggle, as it is likely, fourteen million more will be added. Mexico, with fifteen millions, is engaged in bitter fratricidal strife. Portugal, adding with her colonies, fourteen million, is in the throes of a revolution. Over one billion people are locked in a death struggle, killing one another, as Cain killed Able. The population of the world is 1,600,000,000. Think of it! Nearly two thirds of the entire population of the globe has been drawn into the cataclysm of death and destruction, and the end is not yet. Of the countries remaining neutral the United States of America is greatest.

The attention of the mayor and some members of the board of alderman were called to the fact that James E. Smith, Sr., alderman from the 2nd ward, and L. D. Randel, from the 3rd ward, had not paid their taxes when they were voted for on election day, and, consequently, were disqualified by law from holding the offices to which they were elected. An executive session of the City Council was held Monday evening at which time the two gentlemen were notified of the law in the case, and were given to the next regular meeting of the board, to hand in their resignation. It is generally understood that both will resign and announce as candidates from their respective wards at a special election to be announced later.—Sikeston Standard.

Renewal and Cultivation of Old Strawberry Field.

The work of renewing and cultivating old straw berry beds should begin immediately after the crop is harvested according to Prof. F. W. Faurot of the Missouri College of Agriculture. The rows may be "barred off" to a desirable width by running a furrow along either side with a turning plow or the rows may be narrowed by plowing out one side only. In either case the ground is leveled and worked down by harrowing and cultivating. Many growers prefer not to use a plow but to work out the middle between the rows with double shovels or other cultivators. An orchard disk, with the sections extended just enough to leave a row of proper width, has proven to be very desirable implement for working out strawberry fields.

Perhaps the most generally satisfactory method of renewal of rows is to "bar off" on one side with a plow, turning out about half the old row. This plan will generally increase the number of new plants that will stand in the row the following season above the number that will stand if the rows are "barred off" on both sides. Plowing on one side leaves the row much less exposed to injury from possible dry weather later in the season. It also makes it possible, when desired, to maintain the field in a profitably productive condition for a longer time.

The rows should be worked out with hoes and the runners trained in until a desirable stand is obtained. A reasonably wide row with the plants about five or six inches apart gives very satisfactory results in point of size, quantity and color of the berries.

Cultivation should be sufficient to keep the ground free from weeds and in good tilth throughout the season.

Agriculture experts tell us that many homeseekers in eastern and northern states have their eyes set on Southeast Missouri and a great exodus can be expected within the next year.

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Most Glowing. An old man attended a public funeral in honor of an American statesman a few years ago. In describing it to a Boston friend, a close relative, he said enthusiastically: "Jim, it was grand. It was the most glowing paragon of words I have ever had 'casion to listen to!"

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Diplomatic Johnny.

John was playing in the back yard with a crowd of other little fellows. Suddenly someone said, "Let's have a party." Accordingly, each one went to his mother for something to contribute. John's mother was making cookies and gave him one for each of the others. When he came down and saw that the other little boys brought bread and butter, he exclaimed, "O, everybody eat what they brought!"